

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as follows:

13. (New) A printing press according to claim 8, wherein said four printing units are configured to print the colors yellow, magenta, cyan and black and said fifth printing unit is configured to print spot-colors which are different from said colors of said four printing units.

14. (New) A printing press according to claim 8, wherein said fifth printing unit is configured to print the same color as one of said four printing units and to operate in alternation with said printing unit printing the same color.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the addition of claims 13 and 14, claims 1 to 14 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,992,992 ("Smith") in combination with U.S. Patent No. 3,335,663 ("Harenza") and U.S. Patent No. 5,241,905 ("Guaraldi et al."). Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Smith, Harenza and Guaraldi et al. does not render obvious claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 relates to a lithographic newspaper printing press with at least one printing unit, the printing press printing a newspaper page. Claim 1 recites that the printing unit comprises a housing having a first side wall and a second side wall and a first and a second plate cylinder each being rotatably mounted in the housing, a first and a second blanket cylinder associated with the first and second plate cylinders and an axially removable continuous blanket sleeve mounted on each of the first and second blanket cylinders. Claim 1 further recites that the plate cylinders have a length of substantially four times the width of the newspaper page and a circumference substantially equal to the height of the